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BELOUSSIAN INDUSTRY SHOWS GAIN OVER FIRST QUARTER 1949

The Statistics Administration Belorussian SSR reports that in the first quarter 1950 gross production by industry in the republic increased 31 percent over the first quarter 1949, including 56 percent for Union industry and 21 percent for Union-republic, republic, local, and cooperative industries. Individual ministries and organizations fulfilled the plan as follows:

	1st Qu 50 <u>Plan in %</u>	1st Qu 50 in % of <u>1st Qu 49</u>
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR	100.8	130
Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR	94	115
Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	100.9	139
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry Belorussian SSR	87	132
Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR	106	129
Including:		
Republic enterprises	105	130
Rayon enterprises	113	112
Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR	95	117
Including:		
Republic enterprises	102	132
Rayon enterprises	91	104
Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Belorussian SSR	100.1	119
Ministry of Automobile Transport Belorussian SSR	82	112
Ministry of Housing and Civilian Construction Belorussian SSR	108	135
Main Power Administration, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	105	142
Main Administration of Industrial Construction, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	96	126
Administration of Industrial Cooperatives, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	94	118
Belorussian Union of Invalids' Cooperatives	99	112

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The following ministries, while exceeding the gross-production plan, failed to meet the first-quarter plan for production of the items indicated: Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR -- brick, tile, and lime; Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR -- flax fiber, shoes, leather goods, and hosiery; Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR -- macaroni products, beer, and nonalcoholic beverages; Ministry of Local Fuel Industry Belorussian SSR -- peat briquettes and insulation plates.

Production of the chief types of industrial goods in the first quarter 1950, as compared with the first quarter 1949, was as follows:

	1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49
Rollled metal (Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR)	114
Electric power	134
Including:	
"Belorusenergo" (Belorussian Power)	135
Main Power Administration, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	135
Gang saws (Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR)	185
Cast-iron pipe (Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR)	117
Nails	116
Including:	
Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR	103
Administration of Industrial Cooperatives, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	158
Cement (Union enterprises of Ministry of Construction Materials Industry)	264
Window glass (Union enterprises of Ministry of Construction Materials Industry)	92
Brick	134
Including Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR	139
Tile	91
Including Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR	84
Lime	138
Including Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Belorussian SSR	135
Hauling of commercial timber and firewood	99
Including Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR	95
Lumber	105
Including Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR	123
Matches (Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR)	156
Plywood	148
Including Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR	147
Paper	110
Including Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR	126
Linen fabric	140
Including Union enterprises of Ministry of Light Industry	140
Woolen fabric	150
Including Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	159
Hosiery	171
Including Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	248

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	1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49
Knit underwear	146
Including Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	272
Knit outerwear	146
Including Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	188
Shoes	162
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry Belorussian SSR	169
Administration of Industrial Cooperatives, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	136
Fish catch (Main Administration of Fish Industry, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR)	106
Meat (Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry Belorussian SSR)	121
Butter (Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry Belorussian SSR)	103
Confectionery products	134
Including Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR	139
Macaroni products (Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR)	197
Raw alcohol	115
Including Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR	114
Vegetable oil	165
Including Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR	192
Canned meat (Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry Belorussian SSR)	304
Soap	148
Including Union enterprises of Ministry of Food Industry	159

Republic contracting organizations fulfilled the first-quarter plan for construction and assembly work as follows:

	1st Qu 50 Plan in %	1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49
Ministry of Housing and Civilian Construction Belorussian SSR	94	140
Main Administration for Reconstruction of City of Minsk, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	102	115
Main Administration of Industrial Construction, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR	103	108

In the first quarter 1950, the volume of capital construction increased as follows, in comparison with the first quarter 1949: 78 percent for Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR; 32 percent for Ministry of Food Industry Belorussian SSR; 106 percent for Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry Belorussian SSR; 136 percent for Ministry of State Farms Belorussian SSR; 20 percent for Ministry of Health Belorussian SSR; and 79 percent for Main Road Administration, Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR. In the first quarter, the volume of capital construction in republic construction projects on the whole exceeded the volume completed in the first quarter 1949.

Freight transport by the Ministry of Automobile Transport Belorussian SSR in the first quarter 1950 increased 45 percent in tonnage and 33 percent in ton-kilometers over the same period of 1949. In comparison with the first quarter 1949, passenger transport on city streetcar lines increased 38 percent.

Sovkhozes, MTS, and kolkhozes are better equipped for spring field work this year than they were in 1949. In the western oblasts, 45 new MTS have been organized. By the beginning of 1950, the capacity of the tractor park in MTS

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was 24 percent greater than at the beginning of 1949. More than 13,000 tractor operators and tractor brigade leaders have been trained or have taken refresher courses in mechanization schools and at MTS and sovkhozes.

The first-quarter plan for retail trade turnover was exceeded. Retail trade volume in March increased sharply over the February volume as a result of the reduction in prices.

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